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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

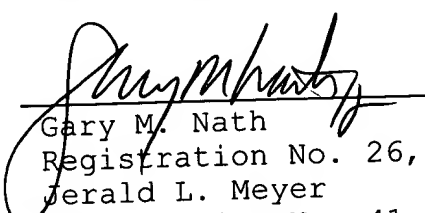
Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

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Respectfully submitted,
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Communication dated April 10, 2003. The one-month shortened statutory period is set to expire on May 10, 2003. Accordingly, this response should be considered timely filed.

In response to the Communication, please find attached a listing of all claims currently pending in this application. Applicants apologize for the oversight in the previous response.

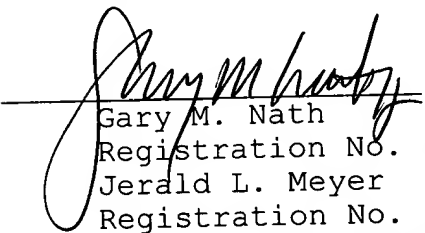
In view of the foregoing in the previously filed response, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the previous rejection of the claims and to allow all of the claims pending in this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this matter, the Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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